



Considering transforming your thirsty lawn into a sustainable garden but don't know where to start?

Join the **UCCE Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County**, the **Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department** and the **City of Santa Barbara Water Conservation Program** at the Louise Lowry Davis Center as they show you how they're converting the Center's lawn and other planted areas into water-wise planted beds in a series of **free hands-on demonstrations**. Over the next month Master Gardeners and the Parks and Recreation Department will transform the Louise Lowry Davis Center from a lawn predominant landscape to a beautiful water-wise, low-maintenance garden that meets today's sustainability requirements. And one that doesn't look like a landscape from Arizona or New Mexico. With a combination of Mediterranean and native plants, this garden will be full of color and texture and will attract birds, bees and butterflies.

Come to the **Louis Lowry Davis Center** at **1232 De La Vina Street (at Victoria)** on **Saturday, November 6, 2010** and **Saturday, November 13, 2010** to learn more. Here's what our experienced team will show you:

Workshop 1: *Lawn and Plant Removal, Soil Preparation and Irrigation Basics*

Saturday, November 6, 2010, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This workshop will provide basic information on the best way to effectively remove your existing lawn and provide hands on experience in:

- How to remove plants that are suitable for transplanting
- How to prepare and amend soil in preparation for planting
- New irrigation installation basics
- Modifications to existing irrigation system basics

Workshop 2a: *Foundation Plants in Design; Planting Trees and Large Shrubs*

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

This workshop will provide basic information on planting design using trees and foundation plantings and hands-on experience in:

- How to plant trees successfully and stake young trees properly
- Planting large shrubs for the best chance of survival

Workshop 2b: *Shrubs, Accents and Groundcover in Design; Planting These Secondary and Tertiary Plants*

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

This workshop will provide basic information on planting design using shrubs, groundcovers and accent plants and hands-on experience in:

- How to place and plant shrubs and accent plants correctly
- How to plant groundcovers correctly using triangular spacing

Master Gardeners from Santa Barbara County and City of Santa Barbara Parks Department staff will be on hand to answer your questions and get you on your way to a resource-saving, lawn-free landscape. **For more information call 805-564-5433.** See you there!



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